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Subject: Proposed Liquor legislation Gov. H. B. 5021 Comments

TO: Distinguished members of the General Law Committee

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SUBJECT: H. B. 5021 OPPOSED

Dear Chairman Doyle and Chairman Taborsak and other distinguished members of the General Law Committee'

CM Selections LLC (CM) is a sole proprietor corporation licensed in the state of Connecticut doing business as an importer and out of state distributor. CM is filing comments to request the the committee, in it's deliberations, seek "a level playing field" between small and large liquor wholesalers and distributors. Loss of such a level playing field would have a definite effect on my companies revenues which would put my family at risk, as well as those who depend on me. It would also have the direct effect of reducing tax contributions to the state tax structure. Because, of the possible devastation to my business and family, and the apparent haste of composing and passing this bill, CM suggests the following;

whereas, the negative economic impact of such legislation on small business is speculative and largely unknown, and

whereas, the possible beneficial effect on the state revenue is speculative, and largely unknown, and

Whereas, the proposed legislation, is on it's face, beneficial only to large companies,

CM is requesting that an independent panal be created, and that a moratorium be placed on further legislation, until the following can be accurately evaluated.

1. The effect of increasing the number of licence's which can be issued under a single retail name.
2. Elimination of the "minimum bottle price " and creation of a discount structure which will reduce revenues to store and state. The number of bottles sold will if this law was to be put into effect, would be less than trivial.
3. A review of the effect of across state line sales, taking into effect that Massachusetts sales tax would continue to create an imbalance between state prices, and leave cross state sales unchanged.
4. A medallion system that does not create value, and would needlessly require state employees to manage.
5. A revision of the state label review, which would allow companies to enter business sooner, and have the effect of added value. Use of the Federal COLA label approval as a basis for notification, rather than the label review which is slow and unnecessary. Elimination of the commercial Unimerc review which does not add to business.
6. Implementation of a law that would not allow distributors to sell below gross cost.
7. That the economic effect of requiring stores to open for Sunday sales, or on Federal holidays, be evaluated.

As noted, in frequent speeches by President Obama, and past presidents, the life-blood of this country is small business, Thus, small business supports our national economy and has a profound beneficial

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effect on our Connecticut towns and our citizens .Estimate of business that would close, based on the current draft, range from 400 to 600, adding these employees to the state tax dole and hurtful to many in our local economy.

Respectfully, we ask the committee to be thoughtful in it's evaluation and embrace the hard working individuals of our state and our industry.

Respectfully

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